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SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT: CONGRESSMAN FOLEY

PLEASE DELIVER TO U.S. REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS S. FOLEY
FROM BRANDT

1. N.Y. TIMES, WASHINGTON POST, BALTIMORE SUN GIVE
FRONT PAGE PLAY EAST COAST LONGSHOREMAN BOYCOTT OF 75
CROP GRAIN DESTINED FOR SOVIET UNION. POST ALSO
HEADLINES FORD EXPECTATIONS MORE GRAIN SALES TO SOVIETS.

2. TIMES LEAD "MARITIME UNIONS CALL A BOYCOTT ON GRAIN
LOADING" EMPHASISES DEMAND LONGSHOREMAN AND 5 OTHER
MARITIME AFL/CIO AFFILIATES FOR GOVT ACTION TO GUARD
AGAINST RISING FOOD PRICES AND MORE PROTECTION U.S.
SHIPPING INTEREST. QUOTES MEANY: "VERY SIMPLY, WE
ARE NOT GOING TO LOAD ANY GRAIN TO SOVIET UNION UNLESS
AND UNTIL A POLICY IS SET FORTH AND AGREED TO THAT WILL
PROTECT THE AMERICAN CONSUMER AND ALSO THE AMERICAN
SHIPPING INTERESTS." MEANY SAID BOYCOTT WOULD APPLY
TO ALL NEWLY CONTRACTED GRAIN SHIPMENTS PURCHASED BEFORE
JULY 1, AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AT ALL EAST COAST, GULF
AND GREAT LAKES PORTS OVER WHICH ILA HAS JURISDICTION.

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3. CHARGING THAT "FOREIGN POLICY IS TOO DAMNED IMPORTANT

TO BE LEFT TO SECRETARY OF STATE" MEANY CRITICIZED 72

SALE, CHEAP PRICE COMPETITION SOVIET FREIGHTERS. ASKED

IF HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH ASSURANCE SIMILAR TO
72 SALE OF ONE THIRD AMERICAN BOTTOMS MEANY REPLIED
"I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING BETTER THAN THAT."

4. POST STORY COVERS SAME GROUND BUT EMPHASISES THAT
BOYCOTT PART OF "COMPLICATED STRUGGLE INVOLVING
U.S. MARITIME INTERESTS, SOVIET UNION, LONGSHOREMEN,
MEANY AND FORD ADMINISTRATION. NONE OF THE PARTIES
INVOLVED IS FIGHTING ON PRECISELY THE SAME GROUND."
WELL PLACED FEDERAL OFFICIAL QUOTED: ILA ACTION
OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO FORCE CHANGE IN 1972 SOVIET-AMERI-
CAN MARITIME AGREEMENT, "WHICH BASIC ISSUE IN CURRENT
DISPUTE ALTHOUGH NONE OF THE PARTIES OPENLY
DISCUSSING IT." AGREEMENT STIPULATED THAT OF GRAIN
BOUGHT BY SOVIETS ONE THIRD SHIPPED BY SOVIET BOTTOMS,
ONE THIRD U.S., AND ONE THIRD OTHER, IF SOVIETS CARRIED
MORE THAN THIRD THEY WOULD HAVE TO OFFER EQUAL AMOUNT
TO U.S. CARRIERS AT RATES TO BE NEGOTIATED.

5. AGREED 72 TONNAGE RATE EXPIRED IN JUNE AND NO NEW
RATE HAS YET REPLACED IT. CURRENT RATES GRAIN
BLACK SEA PORTS QUOTED BY POST AT \$9.50 PER TON,
ONE THIRD OF HIGHEST 72 RATES. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION
REPORTEDLY HOPING FOR APPROX. \$15 AND ALSO REPORTED BY
POST TO BE "UNHAPPY...SOVIETS HAVE GOTTEN BEST OF
AGREEMENT." APPARENTLY AGREEMENT PERMITS SOVIETS TO
SHIP GRAIN ON THEIR OWN BOTTOMS IN ABSENCE NEW NEGOTIATED
TONNAGE RATE. THIS COMBINED WITH WORLD WIDE GLUT OF
SHIPPING PARTICULARLY TANKERS AND U.S. FLAG
VESSELS SEEN AS ROOT CURRENT DISPUTE. ADMINISTRATION
HAS IN PAST TWO WEEKS INVOKED CLAUSE OF MARITIME
AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW RATE.
MEETINGS BEGIN TODAY. IN FIRST HALF 75 POST REPORTS
SOVIET SHIPS CARRIED 47 GRAIN TRADE AND U.S. 25.

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6. POST HIGHLIGHTS MEANY RESPONSE TO QUESTION SHOULD
ADMINISTRATION COME TO HIM WITH THEIR PLANS? "YOU BET
YOUR LIFE...WITH DR. KISSINGER AT THE HEAD OF THE PARADE."

7. IN THE SAME ISSUE POST LEAD EDITORIAL ATTACKS UNION
BOYCOTT. WITH "ILA PURSUING ITS OWN FOREIGN POLICY" AND
NOBLE SENTIMENTS RE CONSUMER COVER ATTEMPT TO GAIN
PERMANENT CARGO PREFERENCE RULE REQUIRING U.S. SHIPS TO

CARRY HALF OF ALL GRAIN SHIPMENTS USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. THIS WOULD NOT BE INEXPENSIVE; IF 72 AGREEMENT

FULFILLED TO THE LETTER ONE THIRD U.S. SHIP RULE WOULD HAVE COST \$50 MILLION IN ADDED FREIGHT SUBSIDIES ALONE. POST CONCLUDES, UNIONS HAVE CITED DEFECTS IN PRESENT ADMINISTRATION POLICY THAT IN FACT BOTH GENUINE AND SERIOUS: NO SAFEGUARDS AGAINST "DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY UNPREDICTABLE AND MASSIVE SOVIET RAIDS ON AMERICAN MARKETS." EXPORT POLICY IS PROPERLY A BALANCE AMONG MANY AMERICAN RESPONSIBILITIES. IT NOT A MATTER TO BE LEFT TO A SMALL BUT VOCIFEROUS UNION THAT WANTS ANOTHER SUBSIDY FOR A MARITIME INDUSTRY ALREADY HEAVILY SUBSIDIZED.

8. POST RIGHT COLUMN HEADLINE "FORD SEES NEW SALE OF GRAIN" WITH STORY BASED ON IOWA STATE FAIR SPEECH BY FORD WHERE HE BOTH EXPECTED ADDITIONAL SOVIET SALES AND PROMISED TO "MOVE VIGOROUSLY" TO END SHIPMENTS POOR QUALITY AND ADULTERATED GRAIN. SALES EXPECTATION MODIFIED BY STATEMENT NO DECISION ON FUTURES COULD BE MADE UNTIL MORE COMPLETE FIGURES ARE AVAILABLE ON AMERICAN GRAIN PRODUCTION THIS YEAR. "WE MUST BE SURE ADDITIONAL SALES TO SOVIETS IN OUR BEST NATIONAL INTEREST - IN THE INTEREST OF ALL AMERICANS FARMERS AND CONSUMERS ALIKE." FORD PLACED HEAVY EMPHASIS ON CONTRIBUTIONS U.S. AGRICULTURE EXPORTS TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND SAID FULL PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURE "KEY ELEMENT OF THIS NATIONS QUEST FOR PEACE." TIMES IN EARLIER ADDITION INCLUDED THRUST OF ABOVE BOYCOTT STORY. KISSINGER

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